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SUBJECT REPORT OF NUNS DEATH

REF: BUENOS AIRES 1919 (NOTAL)

1. A.F.P. MARCH 28 STORY FILED FROM PARIS  
REPORTS THAT THE BODIES OF THE TWO FRENCH  
NUNS (ALICIA DOMAN AND RENEE DUGUET) WHO  
WERE ABDUCTED IN MID DECEMBER WITH ELEVEN  
OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS WERE IDENTIFIED  
AMONG CORPSES NEAR BAHIA BLANCA.

2. BUENOS AIRES WAS FILLED WITH SUCH RUMORS  
OVER A MONTH AGO BASED ON ACCOUNTS OF THE  
DISCOVERY OF A NUMBER OF CADAVERS BEACHED  
BY UNUSUAL STRONG WINDS ALONG ATLANTIC SEA  
POINTS CLOSER TO THE MOUTH OF LA PLATA RIVER--  
SOME 300-350 MILES TO THE NORTH OF BAHIA BLANCA  
(SEE BUENOS AIRES 1919 FOR DETAILED ACCOUNT.)

3. THE FRENCH EMBASSY, WHICH HAS BEEN TRYING TO TRACK  
DOWN THESE RUMORS, HAS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION THAT THE  
NUNS WERE ABDUCTED BY ARGENTINE SECURITY AGENTS AND AT

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SOME POINT WERE TRANSFERRED TO A PRISON LOCATED IN THE  
TOWN OF JUNIN, WHICH IS ABOUT 150 MILES WEST OF BUENOS  
AIRES.

4. EMBASSY ALSO HAS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OBTAINED  
THROUGH AN ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT SOURCE (PROTECT) THAT  
SEVEN BODIES WERE DISCOVERED SOME WEEKS AGO ON THE  
ATLANTIC BEACH NEAR MAR DEL PLATA. ACCORDING TO THIS  
SOURCE, THE BODIES WERE THOSE OF THE TWO NUNS AND FIVE  
MOTHERS WHO DISAPPEARED BETWEEN DECEMBER 8 AND DECEMBER 10,  
1977. OUR SOURCE CONFIRMED THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS  
WERE ORIGINALLY SEQUESTERED BY MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY  
FORCES ACTING UNDER THEIR BROAD MANDATE AGAINST TERRORISTS  
AND SUBVERSIVES. SOURCE FURTHER STATED THAT FEW INDIVIDUALS  
IN GOA WERE AWARE OF THIS INFORMATION.

5. THIS SOURCE HAS REPORTED RELIABLY IN THE PAST AND  
WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HE IS KNOWLEDGEABLE  
CONCERNING DISAPPEARANCE QUESTIONS. EMBASSY REQUESTS  
THAT HIS REPORT BE PROTECTED IN ORDER TO AVOID COMPROMISING  
A SOURCE WHO HAS PROVEN HELPFUL IN REPORTING INFORMATION  
CONCERNING MISSING AND DISAPPEARED INDIVIDUALS. FRENCH  
AMBASSADORS INFORMATION WAS ALSO PASSED TO AMBASSADOR

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